

2023 CONSERVATION PARTNERS

as of August 30, 2023

Each year the Cinnabar Foundation partners with scores of nonprofit organizations and educational institutions working within Montana and the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. We prioritize science-based, strategic, collaborative and community-based opportunities that demonstrate strong leadership and effectiveness.

Our grantees use a large tool box of approaches — advocacy, outreach, education, economics, law, policy, research, organizing, and “boots on the ground” — to achieve long-lasting tangible conservation solutions. Cinnabar has an impressive track record of supporting emerging and experienced leaders as well as incubating creative solutions to conservation challenges.

We are proud to report that, in 2023, the Cinnabar Foundation has thus far awarded 62 grants that required at least a 1:1 match, and 2 awards totaling \$430,500.

2023 was the second year of our pilot program offering 15 long-time grantees three-year guaranteed funding for their organizations’ general operations. These exceptional organizations are denoted by a red asterisk after their organizational name.

Cinnabar’s 2023 conservation partners thus far are:

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION / SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE \$85,500

Serving community-based conservation initiatives, rangeland stewardship, and watershed partnerships.

Big Hole Watershed Committee	Divide, MT	\$6,000
Blackfoot Challenge*	Ovando, MT	\$15,000
Center for Large Landscape	Bozeman, MT	\$5,000
Montana Conservation Corps	Bozeman, MT	\$5,000
Montana Watershed Coordination Council	Helena, MT	\$6,000
Montana Watershed Coordination Council Watershed Fund	Helena, MT	\$10,000
Northern Plains Resource Council*	Billings, MT	\$15,000
Piikani Lodge Health Institute	Browning, MT	\$6,000
Quivira Coalition	Santa Fe, NM	\$2,000
University of Montana: Crown of the Continent & Greater Yellowstone Initiative	Missoula, MT	\$500
Western Sustainability Exchange*	Livingston, MT	\$15,000

CONSERVATION EDUCATION + RESEARCH \$79,000

Supporting conservation, environmental and species education and research.

Be Bear Aware	Missoula, MT	\$3,000
Ecology Project International	Missoula, MT	\$3,000
Grow Wild	Bozeman, MT	\$1,000
Missoula Conservation Roundtable History Project	Missoula, MT	\$1,000
Montana Free Press	Helena, MT	\$5,000
Montana Natural History Center*	Missoula, MT	\$15,000

CONSERVATION EDUCATION + RESEARCH cont.

Montana Outdoor Science School	Bozeman, MT	\$5,000
Mountain Journal	Bozeman, MT	\$3,000
Raptor View Research Institute	Bozeman, MT	\$3,000
Rocky Mountain Front Weed Roundtable	Choteau, MT	\$2,000
The Watershed Education Network	Missoula, MT	\$2,000
Swan Valley Connections*	Condon, MT	\$15,000
Teller Wildlife Refuge*	Corvallis, MT	\$10,000
UM Environmental Studies Program: Student Conference ¹	Missoula, MT	\$1,000
UM Sargent EVST Graduate Fellowship: August Guenther ⁶	Missoula, MT	\$5,000
Yellowstone Ecological Research Center ⁵	Bozeman, MT	\$5,000

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY

\$116,000

Supporting advocacy for diverse environmental issues.

Citizens for a Better Flathead	Kalispell, MT	\$7,000
Heart of the Rockies Initiative	Missoula, MT	\$5,000
Montana Audubon	Helena, MT	\$5,000
Montana Conservation Voters Education Fund*	Billings, MT	\$15,000
Montana Environmental Information Center*	Helena, MT	\$15,000
Montana Public Interest Research Group Leadership Fund	Missoula, MT	\$5,000
Montana Renewable Energy Association	Missoula, MT	\$3,000
Montana Wildlife Federation	Helena, MT	\$4,000
NW Energy Coalition	Seattle, WA	\$3,000
Park County Environmental Council*	Livingston, MT	\$15,000
Western Organization of Resource Councils*	Billings, MT	\$10,000
Wild Montana*	Helena, MT	\$15,000
Wyoming Outdoor Council*	Lander, WY	\$10,000
Yellowstone Safe Passages	Emigrant, MT	\$4,000

PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION

\$30,000

Protecting and preserving wildlife habitat, agricultural lands, and open space.

Five Valleys Land Trust	Missoula, MT	\$10,000
Jefferson River Canoe Trail	Pony, MT	\$3,000
Montana Association of Land Trusts	Helena, MT	\$6,000
Vital Ground	Missoula, MT	\$11,000

PUBLIC LANDS

\$82,500

Protecting and preserving wild public lands.

Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Foundation	Red Lodge, MT	\$5,000
Backcountry Hunters & Anglers – Montana Chapter	Missoula, MT	\$7,000
Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation	Hungry Horse, MT	\$4,000
Earthworks	Missoula, MT	\$5,000
Flathead Land Trust	Kalispell, MT	\$10,000
Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness	Sandpoint, ID	\$6,000

PUBLIC LANDS cont.

Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument	Helena, MT	\$2,500
Glacier-Two Medicine Alliance	East Glacier Park, MT	\$8,000
Great Burn Conservation Alliance*	Missoula, MT	\$10,000
Helena Hunters & Anglers	Helena, MT	\$5,000
Montana Wilderness School	Bozeman, MT	\$3,000
Mountain Mamas	Bozeman, MT	\$2,000
Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation	Missoula, MT	\$5,000
Swan View Coalition	Kalispell, MT	\$4,000
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership	Missoula, MT	\$4,000
Yaak Valley Forest Council	Troy, MT	\$2,000

WATER QUALITY + FISHERIES

\$37,500

Protecting and preserving clean water.

Clark Fork Coalition*	Missoula, MT	\$15,000
Montana Trout Unlimited*	Missoula, MT	\$15,000
Trout Unlimited	Bozeman, MT	\$7,500

2023 SUMMARY

as of August 30, 2023

Grant Total — \$430,500

Number of Grants and Awards — 64

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- 1 Tawney Opportunity Grants** help organizations meet unpredictable challenges or seize opportunities outside the Foundation's regular granting cycle.
 - 2 Sargent Legacy Grants** reward outstanding conservation work over the course of years.
 - 3 Sargent Stewardship Award Designees** are selected by the awardee to receive the cash portion of their recognition for outstanding conservation stewardship.
 - 4 Jim Posewitz Professional Conservationist Award Designees** are selected by the awardee to receive the cash portion of their recognition for their long and distinguished career in service to conservation.
 - 5 Rick Hubbard Sargent Innovation Awards** recognize conservation work that pushes boundaries with the intent to expand understanding about for sustainable ways of being in relationship with our natural world.
 - 6 Cinnabar Program Initiative: U of M Len and Sandy Sargent EVST Graduate Fellowship** is made possible through an annual restricted gift.